## A DUEL WITH POISON

STARTLING TRAGEDY IN LOUISIANA from the city HIGH LIFE LONG A MYSTERY.

A Beautiful Creole Girl the Cause of a Challenge and the Men Decided the Matter With Polsoned Capsules.

It was on an Easter Sunday morning of the most distinguished Creole families of House of God under four flags. The great the sublime Easte service. The had never realized how supremely beautiful who, while engaged in worship, were not unmindful of the "new Easter Sunday

At times you might read in them the thoughts they showed as one sees divine forms changing and fading in the opalescent evening light of sunset in summer seas, and again they could be as silent and as darkly

gentle face lighted with a half smile, Seeing her mistake in a moment, with a deep blush she pulled her black veil over her face and walked hurriedly away with her

A BETROTHED MAIDEN. and it was also reported that the marriage De Valliere's gentle wife covers the tomb her father was ended.

cousin, to meet the young woman, for he had become desperately in love with her, and told her so as soon as he could. She did not discourage him, but would say

meeting he was asked to a grand wedding reception. As the bride was his near ousin, it was permitted Mile. Eulalie-for to be present. De Valliere was promptly as also was the gentleman to whom Eulalie was said to be betrothed. The evening was a lovely one. The spaprovided with seats for the accommodation of those who preferred the evening air to the closeness of the heated rooms, It involved quite a good deal of diplomacy, but De Valliere succeeded in getting Mademoiselle away from her mother and induc-ing her to walk to the garden. As they stepped out into the air he felt the girl's arm tremble within his, and saw that she upon a tall, handsome man, in elegant evening dress, whom De Valliere had noted early in the evening. There was an angry As he turned away the girl said:

he found out that this man was Mile. Eulalie's cousin, that her father had wished they might marry, and that she, in her youth and ignorance had consented to an

"But now I can not. Oh, I can not!" she moaned on her mother's breast. was sitting with some friends at the Pickwick Club, then and now the most exclu-sive club of New Orleans. It was just after dinner, and those who sat with him had dined together. They were enjoying the after-dinner cigar and the cool sea breeze on the club's comfortable piazza. Among the party was a young Louisianan cap-tain, who had graduated at West Point, and had made a distinguished record in the Geronimo campaign. He was a tall, graceful fellow, with a distinguished air

and fine military bearing. A card was handed to him by a servant.
"Excuse me for a moment," he said to the others, and left. CHALLENGED TO FIGHT. In a few minutes he returned, with a

challenges you, and refuses to give me any explanation or information beyond that."
"Let me think of it till morning," said

De Valliere, "and I will look up a friend and put myself in his hands."

De Valliere slept but little that night. His father was opposed to duelling, and uphis deathbed his son had made him a led into a duel. But what was he to do? If he did not fight he knew he was socially ruined; and he was no coward. If he broke his pledge to his dying father, fought Armand and happened to kill him, how could he ever look into the face of Eulalie—the face that had become so dear to him—again? What was he to do?

Suddenly a thought flashed upon him. It was so wierd, so fiend-like, it seemed at first that he would not entertain it. He determined if he had to meet Armand to

determined, if he had to meet Armand, to suggest his method of settling the affair, as he had the choice of weapons, being the

Next morning he called on a friend, asked him to act for him, and told him what he him to act for him, and told him what he meant to propose. His second was horrified. He swore he never would be a party to such an unheard-of thing. Finally, he agreed to be governed by the decision of other friends who were to be called in.

At the meeting of the reconds next day De Valliere asked to be present. He said to both: "Gentlemen, I can not fight a duel, for I swore to my father on his deathbed never to do so. But M. Armand sends me a challenge to a duel a la morte. This is roposition: You, gentlemen, will cause capsules to be prepared. Three shall led with water, the fourth with hyanic acid, the deadliest polson known lence. With these we will settle our

POISON WAS THE WEAPON.

So the terms were accepted, and the meeting was to take place the next day at 6 o'clock near a lake-shore resort not far

very famous physician and surgeon, who had been medical director on the staff of Louisiana's most distinguished soldier in the late war, into their confidence. It was after long argument that the doctor was won over, saying, "Yes, if a man must surely die, it can be called heart failure." It was with an awful feeling that the sec-onds arrived at the grounds where the tragedy was to be worked out. In the words of one of the last surviving actors, who reveals the ghastly secret: "It made ith me still as vivid as ever. De Valliere and Armand were both neatly dressed, but | pretty little city of Trenton, the capital of pale. We of De Valliere's party arpals, each having a physician, and the seconds. The party assembled in a circle and listened to the reading of written agreement which set forth

eyes that was not in those of his antagonist. Both were perfectly cool and com-posed, and but for their paleness you would never have guessed that in a quarter of an hour one would be dead. Armand's second threw up a gold half-eagle.

"When it fell the face on the coin 'Pouring out a glass of Chateau Youem the physicians opened an ordinary pill-box. De Valliere took one without looking, and putting it into his mouth, swallowed it with a draught of the wine. Armand did

" 'Five minutes,' sale the elder of oned capsule was taken. "How we watched! The minutes seemed ages to us who looked on. What must

swallowed the poisoned one. They again. Armand won. He reached his fingers into the box and lifted a pill almost to his mouth, then suddenly put it back and took the other, which he swallowed. De Valtheir brows. The mental strain must have famed in poetry and song for two thousand smoked his cigarette. A mocking-bird years, were lovely, but their beauty was nearby sang its evening song. The setting complexion was like old ivory | the sky, flying to the dense swamp, where

> aloud, closing his watch. "Just then we heard a groan. Armand's though the rending of soul from body was awful in its swift agony. We all ran to him-all save De Valliere. His physician and second gently laid him down.

"He was dead before he touched the grass, the doctor said. attack was very sudden, and though an eminent physician was of the party present, it was impossible to mitigate the unfortunate gentleman's illness. He died within a few minutes after he was stricken. The following distinguished families will mourn the untimely end of M. Armand, and then came the usual list. of her dead cousin with wreaths and immortelles. 'He died so early,' she says sometimes, 'and I at times—I don't know quite why—feel as though I had somehow

caused his death." " The physician who prepared the capsules, with De Valliere and the gentleman who reveals the story, were the three survivors till two weeks ago, when the doctor died in Italy, where he had been sojourning for fided his awful secret to his lovely wife will now understand his part in the tragedy, while the world at large will never clous grounds were beautifully lighted and pierce the real identity of the actors them-

WOMEN IN SHOPS.

Why They Do Not Held the Most Im-

is required than merely to tell the price judgment, it takes skill, it takes knowledge and information, and a certain feeling of color that women don't seem to

It is men and not women, in short, who do the fine, the higher grade dealing in manded tobacco. Soon the supply of the every branch of trade, except millinery generous intruder was exhausted, and those class, is best given in the words of the gen- | coherent mutterings which boded not well

porary makeshift they consider it. They human mass again came the sunken-faced all want to marry, they all mean to marry. creature, looking more ghastly, and now Their minds are distracted with that idea renzied. He took hold of the stranger and, opportunity to marry they gladly give the business up. Naturally, they do not take the same interest or do as well as the man who is in it to stay, whether he marries manners are an important part of his equip-ment for his business, the means of drawing custom to him. Every good salesman builds up a clientele for himself out of his employer's custom. It stands to reason that if a man or woman is well served and well suited in a certain shop when they want anything in the same line again they are there are exceptions to this rule: tle down into a first-rate saleswoman Such women are invaluable in business, and

This gentleman, whose experience certain an establishment, as a mass, is a reflection of its chief, and that where the former "is not up to the mark," it's because "there's a screw loose somewhere higher

This control, however, so far at least as manners are concerned, would seem to be indirect; a matter of example, perhaps, rather than of precept, since there does not appear to be on the part of employers any direct and specified requirements as to the behavior of their employes toward their customers. The matter is left to the clerk's own sense of what is due.

Abuse in Functions of Baptism.

Pall Mall Gazette. M. Wirz and M. Monnier, members of the Geneva Conseil d'Etat, have been denounc-Lucifer and Satan. On the other hand, M. Wirz complains that stallions and race the saints, and "that it cannot but be a grievance to devout minds to hear, for example, that St. Paul is suffering from spavin, or that the Nazarene, one of a sect who might drink nothing stronger than water, has been guilty of the strange solecism of straining his hock." Colleges, too, rejoice in the names of saints, and, if M. Wirz had visited Oxford or Cambridge during the eights' season, he would have heard of stranger things than these. In the present case, however, a slight exchange would quite meet the difficulty. The Anarchist hould take the names of the sail

OUT-OF-DOORS WORK CONSIDERS A GOOD TONIC FOR THE INSANE.

the Institution-Experience of a Friendly Intruder.

Philadelphia Times.

Two miles removed from the heart of the the no less picturesque State of New Jerpart of the institution, are extensive farm lands under full cultivation. The various of harvest, are cultivated and gathered for the most part by the inmates, who are given this simple employment for the dual purpose of lifting from their minds the morbid mania that is weighing them down,

The asylum is one of the attractions for visitors to the Jersey capital, and the "Crazy Farm," as it is styled, is fruitful of many amusing incidents, which, in not few cases, have caused the hair of overcredulous intruders to stand on end. And then, too, a seemingly trifling reward of \$5 offered by the State for the capture and reward-seekers that their mental poise was not just right and that they were lunatics escaped from the State Asylum. The methmented men who work in the fields are also

them in their duties and keeps them going self to the task first, in order to set an exmen, as may be expected, have little or side by side in the fields, but are ever ready stranger. What they like the least is the company of each other, being just the reinto more friendly relations with each oth-

diality and hospitality they have in their meagre store. Suddenly, however, like the pall of a cloud after bright sunshine, a spell seems to come over them and they become as churlish, morbid and ugly as they have been open and frank.

AN INTRUDER'S EXPERIENCE drag net, were landing scores of shad. Just while in a field immediately adjacent were half a hundred men, white and colored, and all looked melancholy, and

ow the freshly furrowed rows, some dropthe soil over them with their hoes. He ventured into their midst, while many yards ahead the guard plodded along. His presence quickly attracted the riveted gaze of

Soon there came out of the comer. Others did the same and in a short time all of the implements lay on the ground. Then they all swarmed about him, n ghost-dance fashion, as though each were ager to get the nearest.

The man with the sunken face who reached the stranger first wanted tobacco, and then in chorus the whole of them deas he looked him straight in the face, a

the glassy surface of his eyes.

The frightened man, now captive and at the mercy of lunatics, stood trembling and pale as death. He attempted to withdraw, but the sunken-faced besieger, more persistent than the others, drew closer to him at every movement he made.

LUNATICS SEND MESSAGES.

the sunken-faced man sought to send a nessage to his sweetheart, who he said married, but he knew she loved him knew where he was. A devout man among the number said something about the de-struction of the world, when he would walk as a disciple of Christ, A bronze-complexto say that he was the real Czar of Russia and that the present ruler was an imposto and had cheated him of his rights. "I" long arms in the air. The most compo physically broken, whose shaky voice could hardly be heard as he told of his ships that were to come in laden with At this juncture the chief guard's assistants appeared on the scene and as the din-ner hour had arrived, directed the men to as a relief to the stranger, but he was not so fortunate as he anticipated. As the crowd moved they carried him with them and he became even more alarmed for his

The assistant guards advised him to make the stranger to go his way, then getting in advance of his charges he walked leisurely toward the asylum and the men followed meekly after him. The guard afterwards said that had the stranger made any resist-

the worst feature is to give a too plausible account of yourself when suspected of being an escaped lumatic is sometimes the strongest point against you. The demented and aberrant brain when seeking means of escape from confinement, is authoritatively said to me most acute. Those who strive through escape to abandon the asy-lum for liberty are always adroit and wary and instances have been known where they

asylum. Such captures have been made, only to be released when delivered at the asylum, and not infrequently serious trouble has grown out of the indiscriminate methods of the reward seekers.

Toward the men who work on the asylum

farm the greatest care and kindness is ex-ercised, these being the chief ingredients in the formula for their proper and suc-cessful management and permanent, ulti-Those who use tobacco are su plied with a limited quantity of the weed for both chewing and smoking. When at work they are given in lieu of water to drink a mixture of oatmeal, ginger, sugar and water, which is both palatable and strengthens and quickens the energies of both brain and body.

SOME POINTS FOR BACHELORS. Men Looking for Satisfactory Wives Should Watch Their Sweethearts.

Does the bachelor, matrimonially incline wish for a pointer in the choice of a wife Let him watch his lady fair as she stand sits, moves. Her postures will reveal more than any amount of palmistry, mind or in-Let him beware of the young woman, ho ever, who has a way of throwing hersel into the biggest, softest armchair in the a heap. If her head is not already

she soon makes it so by letting against the chair's back, while her feet have an inclination to sprawl out from under her gown and her hands are limp and persuasion is pretty certain to be indole and slovenly, and her future spouse ma as well make up his mind to a daily die f wrappers, slippers down at the heel, and ly-served dinners.

prude sits just so squarely upon her carefully selected stiff-backed chair, her draperles spread out immaculately, only the tips of her patent leather toes visible, her hands primly but elegantly folded, her eyes sweetv. coldly critical. Some fine day when she is under the im-

pression that Mrs. Grundy's eagle eye is,

for the moment, engrossed otherwise, she is sub rosa that the gay hoydenish sister would never dream of. The nervous, hysterical creature! kind fate deliver the marrying man from her like! She will lead him a dance if he succumb to her wiles. It is well for him if he keep his eyes open, for she is nearly always attractive, often pretty. She is fond of posing, too, and sometimes as-

which he is required to pay, provided he tall bits of furniture, or perhaps inside a The watches of the three observers are cannot show that he is entirely guiltless of low window where she can undulate her | carefully compared each day, and the exit understood, as poor humanity can muster a rather high order when it takes the form

> loveliness, with strong muscles and wellthan to watch the supple movements, the graceful pose of the lithe, pliant woman as he goes about her various tasks or takes

of a well-bred, winsome bit of feminine

folds, her laces have just the right fall,

a game of golf or quoits, on a friend's yacht, she is the poetry of motion or equal-

not hesitate for longer than is necessary to gain her yes, his future, barring accidents, will glow with roseate hues, life will hold for him its greatest joy.

TRAVELING IN COMFORT. He Was Taking His First Sleeper Ride

and Came Out All Right.

The old man had just arrived at his son's nouse from the country. "Well, father," said the boy, "I hope you came through in the sleeping car, as I told you to do, and had a good night's "Oh, yes," he said, "I had a good sleep, first-rate sleep; went to bed early."
"Did you wake up during the night?"

father." said the young man, you've got two great bumps on top of your forehead. What have you been doing?" Them's the two times I woke up. Passe: another train both times, an' when I heard the big engine wh'zzin' by an' the bell ringin' I thought 'twas a fire an' jumped up slam ag'n the ceilin'. It's lucky I was awake one time, though. "Why, how so?"

"The high an' mighty importer that laughed when I ast to go to my room early in the evenin' was sheakin' off with my ast him to shine 'em. Anyway, I took 'em to bed with me after that an' never slep'

another wink. Say, Henry, you ain't got an old pair of suspenders, have ye?" I guess I can find a pair for you-yes. 'Busted mine tryin' to put my pantaloons on lyin' down. Done it, though. Got all dressed laying flat-boots, pantaloons, coat. collar, necktie-hull business." "Why didn't you get out of the berth put on your collar and coat?" Wimmin in the car. Got a handy place there I kin wash up, Henry? There was a bat the train was goin' so fast I couldn't stand up to the sink. Say, Henry, what dinner ready? I'm so hungry I bin "Didn't you get breakfast in the dining car, as I told you to?" but I didn't want to go it too expensive, so I just told the feller I'd just take a cup of coffee an' some buckwheat cakes."

"Pretty light breakfast, that's so," "Yes," said the old man, "light breakfast-two pancakes." "Well, come downstairs and we'll fix omething to eat right away. You mustn't

man. 'Feller sat next to me eatin' grapes, an' oranges, an' oysters, an' stewed chick-en, an' biled eggs, an' I don't know what all. When we got back in the bedroom car I told him I calc'lated that breakfast he et cost \$13. An' then he told me breakfast was \$1 anyway, w'ether you et much or lit-tle. You'd oughter wrote me about that,

fortably nowadays after he gets used to it." said Henry, as he started to lead the old gentleman to the bath room for a wash.
"Oyes, oyes, a man can ride all right
when he knows how." replied the old man,
and the smile lasted until he started to wash his face from the faucets over the

Those Awful Telegrams. New York Journal.

"What it is, Mamie?"
"It's a boy, mum, with a telegraft."
"A telegram! Oh, ask him if James is "He says he doesn't know, mum."
"Ask him what he does know about "He says all he does know about it is that it's marked 'collect,' and he wants his "Oh, dear! Oh, dear! What shall I do? Here. Mamie, here's the purse. Pay him, pay him whatever he asks. Oh, my poor

James! I just knew something would pen to him before he went away this morning. Will they bring him home in an ambulance, Mamie?" "I s'pose so, mum. Maybe you'd better read the telegraft."

"I can't, I can't. Oh, it serves me right for not kissing him three times when he left. And we've been married such a short

don't you open the telegraft, "Well, I suppose I must, but oh, I can't Reads telegram: "Will bring friend home to dinner. James."
"The heartless beast!"

She Silenced Him. Washington Star.

"Matilda," said the Boston man, "you are assing a good deal of time on the bi-"What of it?"
"Nothing in particular—only—er—that is to say—do you think that the wheel is

properly woman's sphere?"
"Of course, I don't." was the decided answer. "It isn't a sphere at all. It's a cir-

Was There at the Right Time.

Some Thunderbolts-Cloud Formation by Electricity.

Philadelphia Record Alexander McAdie, of the National Weather Bureau, the meteorologist, wh has for some years been making a special study of lightning and its effects, will take advantage of the summer season to conduct some unique experiments with atmospheric electricity. By aid of photography he intends to make actual models of lightning flashes, after first calculating their lengths, diameters and horse powers.

Three large cameras are every night kept | focused upon the Washington monument. This high structure, towering to the altitude of 555 feet, is looked upon as a tall lightning rod in itself. Scarcely a season goes by during which it is not struck by several of Jove's unsparing thunderbolts. Ten years ago it was attacked in this way five times within twenty minutes, as a result of which a stone in the upper pyramidion was split. Since then, however, the most complete system of rodding known has been supplied. The cameras in question are posted, one on top of the Weather Bureau Building, which instrument is attended to by Mr. McAdie himself; one at other at the home of an employe of the bureau, who lives across the Potomac, a Virginia side. Each camera is kept continually focused, so that the negative will include a high and broad expanse of sky in the same vertical plane with the mon between the points, and each observer i of the cameras will be left off during each nocturnal storm, since the darkness will soon as a streak appears in the field se-lected the sudden flash itself makes an instantaneous exposure. It will be arranged that many amateur photographers in the city may set their cameras for the same purpose, since each additional view will add to the completeness of the models

MAKING THE MODEL. Having obtained views of the same flash Straw Hats. each photograph and bent in accordance with the lines there appearing. The lines in each view will be bent in the wire so All Straws that were 59c at as to be included in the same plane, and passed from one cloud to another or to the earth below, as the case may be. Another interesting part of the experiments will be the calculation of the dimensions of the flashes. This, of course, must be done before the medel is made.

All of the measurements of the monument are definitely known to the fraction of an inch, and since this high structure will be visible in the photograph, it may be used as a scale with which to measure the length of the flash. But how can the length of a flash of lightning be measured. This to a layman appears almost like an impossibility. The lines traced on the negative appear to be too fine to represent any accurate number of units of measure, as far as their widths are concerned. But the artful instrument maker has made provision for this, nor does the observer need to use a scale upon the actual current of fire itself. A photo-

graphic enlargement of the original view may be made in order that the width can be more easily computed. The proportions between the length and breadth will, of ourse, remain the same as in the original negative. The delicate little instrument to used in making the measurement of storms are anywhere from two hundred feet to half a mile in length, while they

flash which he ever observed was probably hunderbolt would appear as that of a round iron bar heated to whiteness. The particles of the atmosphere become white not wherever in contact with the electric Mr. McAdie says that he can devise an instrument which will foretell a lightning

flash, in order that the photographer may know when to take his view. That this can be done is proven by the fact that a telephone bell will ring a second or two before the occurrence of a flash, although the ringing is caused by the same conditions which made the flash itself. The relative destructive forces of various flashes will be reckoned in horse powers by mathematical formula. Many flashes are doubtless as much as fifty thousand horse ATMOSPHERIC ELECTRICITY.

scribes an experience in Switzerland. As feet. A current of air was apparently blowing up the valley, and below him he observed the formation of a cloud at a height a little below the snow line. As night came on and the descent over the night came on and the descent over the glacier and down the valley was continued, a series of electric discharges were seen between the cloud, which was lying in a deep-cut valley, the sides of the mountain and the blue sky overhead. The moist air was evidently flowing through the cloud, depositing its moisture in the form of drops and leaving the cloud in an electrified state. depositing its moisture in the form of drops and leaving the cloud in an electrified state. Wherever water rubs against air positive electricity is generated. Every wave that breaks into spray under the action of a strong wind leaves the water negatively electrified, the air carrying away the positive charge. Prof. Schuster suggests that it would be of great interest to possess ob-servations on atmospheric electricity on board ship while waves are breaking in the neighborhood. So far we have to guide us only the observations of Exner, who found, on the Ceylon coast, that the spray from breaking waves showed by the electrometer that it was positively electrified.

Three Good Books. New York Evening Sun.

A leading literary light in one of the bestare just three books that everybody should know by heart—"The Arabian Nights," "Alice in Wonderland" and Mother Goose." "A thorough knowledge of those mast pieces," she says, "will do more toward cultivating the imagination than any other control of the control process that I know of. And I regard imagination as the most important of all mental faculties." This is in direct and significant opposition to the ideas held by many parents and teachers that fairy tales are injurious reading for the young.



A warm shampoo with Cuticura Soap. and a single application of Cuticura, the great Skin Cure, clear the scalp and hair of crusts, scales, and dandruff, allay itching, soothe irribabes should take the names of the saints, and nourish their freedom after being recaptured and try to live up to them, while, if a stallon is christened Lucifer, that, too, the same. Five would be a compliment. The highest praise it will fail the same swallowed the French can give a horse is to say he the French can give a horse is to say he the freedom after being recaptured of their captors, paying by way of induction in and saved little Charley Stebbing."

"My hobie boy," said little willy, bravely. "I said little willy, bravely."

"My hobie boy," said little willy, with a sylum management. But the person who is most grievously wronged in conjumped in first, so as to be there when he fell in."

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